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1. REPRESENTATIVES OF THE NORDIC COUNTRIES, BELGIUM, AND THE NETHERLANDS MET IN OSLO ON MONDAY, 6 SEPTEMBER TO DISCUSS THE FOLLOW-UP OF UNCTAD IV, CIEC, AND THE FALL SESSION OF UNGA. NORWEGIAN UNDER SECRETARY OF STATE THORVALD STOLTENBERG CHAIRED THE TALKS. DANISH MINISTER FOR FOREIGN TRADE IVAN NORGAAARD, AND DUTCH MINISTER FOR DEVELOPMENT JAN PRONK WERE ACTIVE IN THE DISCUSSIONS. PRONK HAS

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THE SAME NATIONS TO MEET IN THE HAGUE SOMETIME IN FIRST SIX MONTHS OF 1977.

2. THE PARTICIPATING COUNTRIES AGREED THAT AFTER SUPPORTING SOME OF THE DEVELOPING NATIONS' DEMANDS AT UNCTAD IV, THEY SHOULD NOW SUPPORT PRACTICAL STEPS TO IMPROVE NORTH-SOUTH DIALOGUE (I.E., IMPLEMENTATION OF INTEGRATED APPROACH TO COMMODITIES AND COMMON FUND ADVOCATED IN NAIROBI). THE SIX NATIONS SUPPORTED REVITALIZATION OF CIEC IN PARIS AND DISCUSSED PREPARATIONS FOR FALL SESSION OF UNGA. THEY THOUGHT QUESTION OF DEVELOPING COUNTRIES' DEBTS SHOULD BE TAKEN UP IN REVITALIZED CIEC.

3. PER HAUGESTAD, COUNSELOR FOR TRADE QUESTIONS AT NORWEGIAN FOREIGN MINISTRY, WHO WAS PRESENT AT MEETING, STATED MEETING WAS AN "INFORMAL STOCKTAKING" AFTER UNCTAD IV. HE EMPHASIZED THAT MEETING DID NOT RPT NOT ESTABLISH CONCRETE GROUP OF LIKE-MINDED NATIONS, BUT WAS CONTINUATION OF INFORMAL DISCUSSIONS BEGUN AT UNCTAD IV.

4. COMMENT: DESPITE FOREIGN MINISTRY DENIALS THAT SIX NATIONS WILL ACT IN CONCERT IN FUTURE INTERNATIONAL MEETINGS, PRIVATE COMMENTS BY STOLTENBERG AND PRONK MAY INDICATE OTHERWISE. PRONK TOLD NORWEGIAN PRESS, FOR EXAMPLE, THAT HE STILL HOPED COMMON CONCRETE INITIATIVES COULD BE TAKEN AT UNGA IN SUPPORT OF UNCTAD IV DECLARATION. HE MENTIONED THAT DESPITE FACT THAT INDIVIDUALLY THESE NATIONS DO NOT HAVE MUCH INFLUENCE INTERNATIONALLY, COLLECTIVELY THEY CAN INFLUENCE LARGE INDUSTRIAL NATIONS. IT SHOULD BE REMEMBERED THAT PRONK AND STOLTENBERG WERE AMONG MOST ACTIVE ADVOCATES OF COMPROMISE DECLARATION
ADVANCED BY 16 DEVELOPED NATIONS AND OPPOSED BY MANY LARGE INDUSTRIALIZED NATIONS WHICH WAS CARRIED IN NAIROBI. OSLO MEETING FURTHER CONFIRMED ACTIVE ROLE NORWAY CAN BE EXPECTED TO PLAY AT FUTURE INTERNATIONAL FORUMS ON NORTH-SOUTH ISSUES.
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